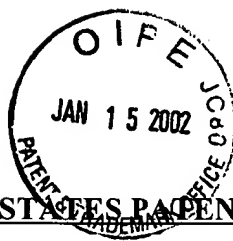


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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from Sept. 6, 2001 to Nov. 6, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. Specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. [AMENDED] A method for allowing selective access to [an agency account database from a public site] information including debt collection information, comprising:

storing a plurality of account data items in a database, each data item being associated with an account belonging to a client of the agency, the plurality of data items including information relating to debt collection;

[accessing data stored in the database with a database server;]

processing database access requests with a network server [over a network] from a [user process] web browser controlled by a remote user [, the network server interfacing with the database server];

processing credentials transmitted by the [user process] web browser to authenticate the identity of the remote user as a client representative; and